



MONDAY EVENING, MAY 22, 1893.

WHEN a southern congressman recently urged Postmaster General Bissell to remove offensive negro postmasters in the South, and told him they are objectionable to southern women who have to go to the postoffices. Mr. Bissell said, "why all of you had colored mamies." "Yes," replied the congressman, "but they were looked upon as menials." "Well," said Mr. Bissell, "for that matter we are all menials, and I will not remove colored postmasters except on proved charges. And then, too, we can't afford to draw the color line, for some of the colored men in the North now vote with us." But Mr. Bissell does draw the color line; for he does not appoint negroes as postmasters in the North, no matter how often, if ever, they may have voted the democratic ticket. He tries to obliterate that line in the South, against the very nature of the people of this section, but in the North, where it is said, no racial prejudice exists, he observes it rigidly. If Mr. Bissell and his family would move South, the scales would fall from his eyes.

THE SPANISH infanta and her husband, as the official representatives of Spain and the guests of this government, called upon the President and his wife last Saturday. The President's wife returned the call. Why the President did not do so is not generally known. Politeness and courtesy are not incompatible with the most rigid democracy. The distinguished couple did not come of their own motion, but as the nation's guests, especially invited by Congress, and to show the amity the people of their country entertain for those of this; and why the President should not have accompanied his wife on the occasion referred to, may be plain to him, but is not to many other people certainly as well versed in such matters as he is.

A NORTHERN republican journal says northern republican speakers should come South and, instead of catering for popularity to Confederate audiences by compliments to the bravery of Confederate generals, "which tends to hold the South where it is," preach the benefits of the high protective tariff. Well, many of them have done so in the past, notably, Mr. Ely, who was demolished by the late John Baldwin at Staunton, and Mr. Burrows, whose audience deserted him at Hanover to see a performing bear, and what has been will be again. Southern people are democrats, and democrats are opposed to taxing everybody else in the country for the benefit of a few northern manufacturers.

NOW THAT the time for the meeting of the State democratic convention has been fixed, the politicians will naturally be making arrangements for having themselves elected as delegates thereto, so that they may further their own objects by helping their own favorites for the gubernatorial nomination. In choosing their delegates the people should be careful to elect men who are in favor, not of an anti or pro Cleveland man for Governor, but of a simple, true blue democrat, and one who has never opposed his party's nominee, nor joined his party's enemies in their efforts to defeat a democrat.

NEARLY a million dollars were expended last year by the Presbyterian Church on foreign missions, but only fifty thousand on those at home. And yet the foreigners do not complain of their own religions, and do not ask for any of those of this country, and would be shocked at the atheism of the United States if they had a faint conception of the extent to which it exists. It is believed that there are more real heathen in any city of this country than can be found in any foreign city of the same size in countries which do not profess Christianity.

AS THE laws tax everything else that comes into this country, except competitors of American labor, the collector of customs at Buffalo supposed that natural Canadian gas, conveyed to that city in tubes across the Niagara river, was also taxable, as "an unmanufactured article." The collector was right in law, but wrong in sense. The board of appraisers decided against him, and were, therefore, right in sense but wrong in law. And this is the absurd condition that has been produced by the McKinley bill.

WITH TERRIBLE bread and political riots in Persia, the lot of Mr. McDonald, the new minister to that country, doesn't promise to be a very happy one; and it is as yet uncertain whether Mr. Hoge, the new consul for Amoy, will ever reach that port. Few Virginians have been appointed to foreign positions by the present administration; some of them are not the men their own neighbors would have selected, and the posts to which some have been sent are any thing else but agreeable under existing circumstances.

COMMON SENSE seems to desert men as soon as they become strikers. Forty

stonecutters who had steady work at good wages and satisfactory hours, struck at Charleston the other day because the contractor refused to give or of them the small amount he had paid to redeem his tools, which had been stolen and pawned. The cost of the pawn ticket was \$2.50; each of the men was receiving \$4.50 a day. The injury of one, certainly was the injury of all in this case.

AT THE recent reception of the Spanish Infanta at Washington, a negro troop of cavalry rode immediately in front of her carriage, and therefore occupied the post of honor. There were three companies of white cavalry in the line of the procession, but the negro company was selected for the most honorable position. And yet Senator Jones, republican, says "this is a white man's government."

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 22. Commissioner Seymour, of the Patent Office, to-day announced that he would appoint a referee to hear the testimony and decide upon the facts in the matter of the petition of Church and Church asking that a rule issue upon ex-Commissioner Simonds and Foster & Freeman to show cause why they should not be disbarred.

The following changes were made in the Treasury Department to-day: Apportionment: Geo. Ford of Georgia, Chief of Division, Second Comptroller's Office; Henry Chase of Vermont, Immigrant Inspector; Resignation: E. N. Harbison of Ohio, Deputy Second Comptroller.

Eighty-five fourth class postmasters were appointed to-day, of whom twenty-eight will take the places of removed republicans. The changes in Virginia were as follows: Amisville, Rappahannock county, N. J. Cropp was appointed postmaster, vice C. A. Hackley, removed; Aylett, King William county, W. F. Shelley, vice Mary Gatewood, removed; Gold Hill, Buckingham county, P. E. White, vice Mrs. F. A. Word, removed; Jump, Rockbridge county, E. L. Patterson, vice R. M. France, resigned; Lone Fountain, Augusta county, H. H. Hevener, vice Mary E. Dunlap, resigned; Moseley, Buckingham county, Bettie C. Morris, vice Lillie B. Faber, resigned; Norwood, Nelson county, Paul Stratton, vice H. L. Fagan, removed; Pratt, Madison county, Fannie S. Fry, vice M. S. Bowman, removed; Ridgway, Henry county, G. I. Griggs, G. O. Jones, removed.

Representative Tyler of Virginia is back here again to-day trying to have democrats appointed to the federal places in his district now filled by republicans. Representative Marshall of the same State, who is still here on similar business, says he fears the "evening up" process has been concluded and that Virginia will get but little more. There are many others here who in this matter agree with Mr. Marshall.

Secretary Herbert has determined to retire all officers who have held command of fleets for more than three years.

Siam will establish a legation in this city at an early date.

General Fitz Lee has gone home. He returned here last Friday, as stated in the GAZETTE of that day, but did not call upon the President.

Secretary Carlisle has announced that there shall be no promotions in the classified service of the Treasury Department.

Representative Lester of Georgia was at the Capitol to-day. He says the people of his State are complaining that the negroes and republicans who held the postoffices there under the last republican administration still continue to hold them, and that the fact that a postmaster there is an offensive negro or an obnoxious republican is not deemed by Postmaster General Bissell a sufficient cause for his removal.

Among the visitors here Saturday evening last was Mr. Leonard Marbury of Alexandria, a member of the democratic committee of Virginia, the recent meeting of which at Richmond he attended. He said he went to Richmond under the impression that Colonel O'Ferrall would have an easy walk-over for the gubernatorial nomination, but found that that impression was far from correct. He said that while that matter was not broached in the meeting of the committee, the members of the committee did talk about it in the hotels and other places, and that from what he heard he is inclined to believe that Mr. O'Ferrall will not be nominated.

It is the reflection of the sentiments of the members of the party. Mr. Wilson, the Washington correspondent of the Richmond Times, who went to Richmond to attend the meeting of the State committee as proxy—but, along with all the other proxies, was not allowed to participate, because most of the others were in favor of holding the convention in Richmond for the benefit of the hotel keepers there, and no discrimination could be made, says that he was not at all disappointed at what he heard in Richmond, and that the combined forces of Buford and Tyler already outnumber those of O'Ferrall, and will grow from now until the day of the convention, while those of the Colonel will decrease. He says the time, place and ratio of representation fixed by the committee were all against the wishes of O'Ferrall's friends. Mr. J. E. Clements of Alexandria county, in talking about the same subject Saturday morning, said both Mr. Buford and Lieutenant Governor Tyler had many friends in his county, and that O'Ferrall's course in the last Congress had not been particularly satisfactory to the democrats there. Two well-known old time Virginia democrats here to-day, one from Warrenton and the other from Culpeper, in talking to the GAZETTE's correspondent on this subject, said that of the three candidates spoken of, Buford was their choice by long odds.

As the GAZETTE's correspondent was coming out of the southern door of the 15th street entrance of the Treasury Department about one o'clock to-day he met the royal Spanish party coming in. The Infanta is nothing like any of the newspaper portraits of her, and in no respect reminds an observer of the picture of any Spanish woman he has seen; indeed she looks very much like an American, but more like a German woman, being an almost perfect blonde. She is of the average American woman's height, is well formed, and weighs about a hundred and twenty-five or thirty pounds.

Among those on Pennsylvania avenue to-day was Mr. J. A. Van Auker, once a prominent republican in the Petersburg, Va., district. He says he

hears that the Virginia congressional delegation have based their recommendations of some of the Virginia office seekers upon the ground of the effective service those applicants will render their party at next fall's election; but that he can't see why any service, effective or otherwise, will be required at the election referred to, as the third party has no strength of itself, and would have even less with republican support. He says the Harrison administration seemed to think that Brady and Langston ran the republican party in Virginia, but that he will support no party with such leaders. He says he is a northern man and a republican, but that during the Langston campaign he really was alarmed at the threatening behavior of the negroes and feared their violence would bring on a race war, and that in that campaign Brady was Langston's right hand man. He also says that General Mahone told him with his own mouth that when Brady found out he could not be nominated for Congress he came to him and asked him to become a candidate, telling him he would be nominated without opposition, and that then he could turn it over to him. Brady said Mr. Van Auker, when Mahone replied that he could not so deceive the people of the district—Brady turned against him, though Mahone had made him.

The application for office from Virginia filed at the Treasury Department to-day was that of A. B. Shreve, of Loudoun county, who wants to be chief of a division in the 6th auditor's office.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The cruiser New York, on her official trip Saturday, made 20.5 knots an hour.

Fire in Saginaw, Mich., on Saturday evening last destroyed 300 buildings, causing a loss of \$1,500,000.

Forest fires destroyed a lumber camp near Lake City, Mich., on Saturday and ten men were burned to death.

There is a rumor in New York that the Drexel-Morgan Richmond Terminal scheme will be announced to-morrow.

Miss Rose Cleveland, sister of the President, arrived in New York Saturday from a two years' sojourn in Europe.

Mr. Gladstone has expressed his determination to force the home rule bill through the House of Commons by the middle of July.

Mrs. Julia M. Cain, a widow, fifty-seven years old, of Baltimore, died while at mass at St. Alphonsus' Church yesterday morning.

Secretary Carlisle has amended the Treasury Department rules governing examinations so as to except from examination chiefs of division in the Secretary's office.

The Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly, at Little Rock, Ark., on Saturday seated Mrs. Claggett, who was sent as a commissioner from Kentucky, by a majority of 40.

Mrs. Marie Nevins Blaine, the former wife of James G. Blaine, Jr., is to marry Dr. Wm. T. Bull, the physician who attended her in her long illness and saved her from being a cripple from rheumatism.

The eight-year-old daughter of H. L. Roberts, of Naugatuck, Ct., was burned to death yesterday. When the child's clothing took fire from a stove she ran into a room occupied by an invalid named Mary Monroe, setting fire to the bed and causing her death.

The most important matter discussed by the Presbyterian General Assembly in Washington, on Saturday, was the report of the committee on ministerial relief. Methods of management of church temporalities was also discussed. The commissioners and visiting laity spent the afternoon at Mount Vernon.

Advices from Yokohama state that the opposition to missionary work appears to be taking on a violent aspect in Japan. Several Catholic sisters and the children at a mission near Osaka, were attacked recently while out walking by a lot of Japanese men, and one of the sisters was nearly choked to death.

The steamship Roanoke, of the Old Dominion line, which left Newport News on Thursday, arrived at New York last night with a fire burning fiercely in her hold. The flames were not extinguished until nearly 3 o'clock this morning and then only after the hold had been flooded. The vessel is not damaged much at all and will sail as usual. The damage to the cargo of cotton and silk will probably amount to \$10,000, fully insured.

A dispatch from Washington says President Cleveland has decided on four points in his message to Congress, which indicate the policy of his administration. They are: (1) An income tax; (2) repeal of the ten per cent. tax on State bonds; (3) repeal of the Sherman act; (4) modification of the tariff act. Another dispatch says careful inquiry among cabinet officers warrants the statement that if the President has decided to recommend to Congress the imposition of an income tax on all incomes above \$5,000 a year he has not up to this time taken his official advisers into his confidence.

DAVEY CROCKETT'S "GHOST."—The historical Alamo Mission and fort building in San Antonio, Tex., in which Crockett, Bowie Travis and many other Texas patriots were executed by the Mexicans, was converted into a sub police station a few days ago. Many Mexicans of that city, have long claimed that the old building is haunted with the spirits of those who lost their lives within, and that on rainy, dismal nights these spirits hold a levee in the upper rooms of the structure. This popular superstition was never investigated and met with no credence except among the Mexicans. Since the establishment of the new police station in the building there has been but one night on which it rained, and, according to the statements of those officers who were in the structure at that time, some very mysterious and startling manifestations occurred. Loud sounds were heard in the upper part of the building, as if made by dancing, and one time an "apparition" was seen moving about in the room where Crockett lost his life. It disappeared when within a few feet of one of the officers.

The postoffice at Bartlett, Kas., was entered by burglars last night and robbed of \$200 in stamps and other property. Postmaster Lane, who lives in the building, was aroused just as the burglars were leaving with their booty. He fired three shots at them, one of the burglars being wounded in the leg.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Rev. Lewis W. Burton, of St. John's church, Richmond, yesterday resigned to accept a call to St. Andrew's Church, Louisville.

York Nelson, convicted in Culpeper, in 1884 of horse stealing, and sentenced to 21 years in the penitentiary, to be pardoned on account of ill health.

Mr. Philip's Honey, a farmer of Stafford county, is still the owner of the mule, now thirty-eight years old, which he rode during the war as a member of the Ninth Virginia cavalry.

R. J. Kenny, a young man about thirty years old, was arrested in Richmond on Saturday on the charge of setting fire to his store with felonious intent. The alleged motive for the attempted arson was to secure the insurance on his stock.

According to the Religious Herald there are five counties in Virginia which have not a single Baptist church or minister in them. These counties are Wise, Buchanan, Dickinson, Richmond and Shenandoah, with a population of forty thousand.

Mr. Smith, of Washington, has just had completed a handsome residence on the top of the Blue Ridge above Snickersville. The dwelling has all the modern improvements and is one of the handsomest mountain homes in that section of the State.

I. K. Cramer, of Sudley, has filed an application for appointment as assistant superintendent of construction on the new postoffice at Washington, and John R. Moore, of Stuart, has been appointed chief of the special service division in the general land office.

Naval Cadet Alexander T. Hull, of Virginia, a member of the second class, has been dismissed from the Annapolis Naval Academy for general bad conduct. Hull was confined on the Santee for insubordination at the time Cadet Perkins, of California, was dismissed from the Academy last fall. He also distinguished himself by reporting several officers who failed to return his salute.

The hot personal campaign between Richey and Broddus, candidates for the clerkship of Page county, has resulted in the withdrawal of the former from the contest and a challenge to Broddus to publish the threatened letters. The letters have not yet been published, and Mr. Richey says there will be trouble if they are not. The democrats have put another candidate—B. W. Pretty—in the field.

Secretary A. H. Godfrey, of the American Hackney Society, of New York, who recently paid a visit to the stock farm of Mr. Henry Fairfax, in Loudoun county, was as much impressed with his experience of Virginia courtesy and hospitality as he was with the famous blue ribbon horses. To have farmers leave their plows and go a quarter of a mile out of the way to put him on the right road was a novel but pleasing experience.

Wedding.

On Thursday afternoon, May 18th, the residence of one of Montreal's popular citizens, Capt. F. A. Davis, was the scene of a brilliant and happy marriage, the contracting parties being his oldest and accomplished daughter, Miss Maud Winfield, and Mr. Harry G. Mortimer, of Fairfax county. The parlors were elaborately decorated and truly all went merry as a marriage bell. The attendants were Mr. Horace Mortimer, brother of the groom, and Miss Mary P. Davis, sister of the bride; Mr. Edwin Davis, brother of the bride, and Miss Celia Mortimer, sister of the groom; Mr. Simon Parris and Miss Florence Traunau; Mr. Henry King and Miss Nora Parris; Mr. W. M. Brown and Miss Mamie Rudd. They were followed by the bride and groom, and were met by a bank of ferns, palms and calla lilies, by the Rev. J. W. Crider, who pronounced the words that made the blushing bride and proud young groom one.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were handsomely entertained by the host and his cultivated wife. The bride looked lovely in a handsome white silk and point lace, which was afterwards changed for a becoming travelling suit of reseda green cloth. The groom wore a suit of black; the bridesmaids white silk and mull. Among the friends and relatives present from the distance were Mr. Horace Mortimer, brother of the groom, from Fairfax county, and his sister, Miss Celia; Mr. F. Carlin, wife and daughter, of Alexandria; the Misses Rudd, of Alexandria; Mr. J. A. Lahew, of Charlottesville; Mr. Parris and her two daughters, of Charlottesville; Mr. R. P. Blake and Mr. W. C. N. Merchant, of Chatham; Miss Traunau, of Gordonsville. There were also a number of friends from Montreal and vicinity present, among them Mr. J. J. Crig and wife, Dr. Whitehead, Mrs. Johns and daughter, Miss Snead, Mr. William Dorson, two Miss Criders. The bride is a young lady beloved by all who know her and very active in all church and charitable works, and will be greatly missed by her church. The groom is a popular young engineer on the V. M. railway. The handsome young couple took the 10:50 train for Alexandria where they will spend a few days with the groom's parents, and then on a trip, and thence to their future home in Charlottesville. They were followed by the best wishes of a home circle of friends.

MONTREAL, Va., May 20. BOMBARDMENT WITH HAIL.—The most violent hailstorm which ever visited that section burst over Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday afternoon. It gradually grew dark, and after a few minutes of rain a violent shower of hail commenced and lasted half an hour. The hailstones were the largest ever seen there, some measured five inches in circumference. People were driven to places of safety and drivers left their teams and scores of them ran away, doing much damage. A funeral was in progress in Allegheny at the time and several of the teams ran away and collided with each other. Women fainted and carriages were overturned and wrecked. The horses attached to the hearse ran away and collided with the teams. The caasket was tumbled about and the hearse wrecked. The funeral was postponed. At Homewood, a suburb, another funeral was in progress and the coffin was thrown out of the hearse. Thousands of dollars worth of glass was destroyed. Crops in the vicinity suffered severely.

ST. LOUIS, May 22.—Fire broke out at midnight in the three-story block on the corner of Channing avenue and Locust street. One hundred and fifty houses were burned to a crisp, and the entire lot of buggies and other vehicles, harness, etc., were destroyed. Eddie Quinn, a 7-year-old boy, was fatally burned before he could be rescued. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

MR. TALMAGE TO REMAIN.—The officers of the Brooklyn Tabernacle met the creditors of the church at the Bible House in New York Saturday afternoon, and came to an agreement which was satisfactory to both and which also settled the question of Dr. Talmage's resignation in the negative. This new aspect of affairs was brought about by the payment of claims representing an aggregate of about \$90,000. The creditors uniformly expressed their satisfaction. A resolution, introduced by Dr. A. H. McCurdy, was finally adopted ordering the "Hymns of Ages" and directing the publication committee to make arrangements to have it printed at once. Reports on the Home Mission and some other business having been disposed of, the assembly adjourned until to-day.

THE SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY.—In the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Macon, Ga., on Saturday, the report of the ad interim committee on the change of the hymn book and recommending to the convention a book of "Hymns of the Ages" adopted and arranged by Robert Kerr, of Richmond, Va., and compiled for the Southern Presbyterian Church, was taken up.

A strong opposition was made by several leading members, both among the ministers and laity, to the adoption of the book, the main grounds being that the church had made a great cry for a new hymn book, and the assembly was acting too hastily. A resolution, introduced by Dr. A. H. McCurdy, was finally adopted ordering the "Hymns of Ages" and directing the publication committee to make arrangements to have it printed at once. Reports on the Home Mission and some other business having been disposed of, the assembly adjourned until to-day.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Presbyterian General Assembly. WASHINGTON, May 22.—Rev. Thos. Bracken, of Wakeeney, Kansas, conducted the half-hour's devotional exercises with which the second week's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly was ushered in this morning.

The report of the Special Committee on Sabbath observance of which the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard was chairman from its inception, submitted its fifth annual report, which was read by Elder W. R. Worrall, of the New York Presbytery, Colonel Shepard's private secretary. The committee expressed sorrow at the death of Colonel Shepard. The effort to secure the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday was recited, closing with the statement of the vote in Congress against it.

The Briggs question then came to the front at a bound, and it did not mitigate the results of the short struggle to know when it was over that it was chiefly the result of a misunderstanding. Dr. Young, chairman of the committee on Bills and Overtures, announced what had been done with a number of overtures from the Presbyteries: twelve of them relating to the Briggs case having been referred to the committee on Judiciary. A very stormy scene resulted, many taking part in the discussion which followed, though the reference of the overtures to the Judiciary Committee was finally carried.

Rev. Geo. L. Spinning, of New York, read the report of the committee on board of missions among the freedmen.

A recess was taken at noon, during which the commissioners proceeded in a body to the south plaza of the State, War and Navy Building and were there photograph in a group.

Princess Eulalie.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—The Princess Eulalie had her photograph taken this morning. On their return to the Arlington the royal party had breakfast and spent a quiet two hours until one o'clock when they walked to the Treasury Department. Secretary Carlisle received them and acted as escort through the money vaults. This afternoon the Infanta will visit the Washington monument and expects to go to the top of it. She will also visit the Capitol. Mr. G. T. Davidson, secretary of the committee appointed by Mayor Gilroy to provide for the entertainment of the Infanta in New York city, came over to Washington yesterday and in behalf of the Mayor tendered the Princess the hospitality of the City of New York. The Infanta made a brief reply, thanking Mr. Davidson for the courtesy extended and expressing herself as much pleased with the manner in which she has been treated since her arrival in America.

Foreign News.

LONDON, May 22.—The demonstration of the Irish National League in Hyde Park yesterday, was a most enthusiastic affair. About 250,000 people were present and delegates attended from all branches in the United Kingdom. Resolutions were adopted approving Mr. Gladstone's home rule plan, and accepting it as a settlement of the Irish question.

ROME, May 22.—In a consultation with King Humbert last night Signor Zanardelli, the former minister of public works and of the interior, urged the king to refuse to accept the resignation of the ministry. Signor Giolitti, however, refuses to form a cabinet, being convinced that the Senate will reject the pension bill.

Escape and Re-Capture.

TACOMA, Wash., May 22.—A break for liberty was made yesterday by George McCarthy and Ras Lewis in Ellensburg jail. When the robbers had escaped a battle occurred in the streets between them and citizens in which both robbers and one citizen were wounded. The robbers then escaped into a private house, where the marshal followed and captured and took them back to jail.

Fire and Loss of Life.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

Mrs. Anna Ross, aged 102 years, probably the oldest person in that section of the State, died at Elmira, N. Y., yesterday.

President Scazsa, of Nicaragua, has declared himself dictator, and has proclaimed martial law throughout the entire republic.

The Beatty Glass Works, at Tiffin, Ohio, are burning, and it is believed will be a total loss. They are valued at over \$200,000.

Saturday afternoon at Pleasant Plains, Ark., Prof. H. I. Thorp shot and instantly killed Thomas R. Mason for slandering his wife.

The spool mill of J. W. Bennet, at Gilead, Me., was burned yesterday. It was the largest mill of the kind in the world and the loss will be heavy.

The sugar season in Cuba may now be considered virtually ended. It is estimated that the yield of the whole island will show a very large decrease from the average total production.

The Chinese quarter, in San Francisco, is under an unusually heavy guard, as there have been fears of an outbreak among the highlanders ever since the decision upholding the Geary law was announced.

Cable dispatches received this morning from Nicaragua said that a decisive battle between the revolutionists and the government forces began yesterday morning. As yet nothing has been heard in New York as to the result of the battle.

In the New York stock market to-day the withdrawal of five distilleries from the whisky trust caused a break in the stock of from 17 1/2 to 13. Transactions were on a large scale, and prices declined 1/2 to 1 per cent. At 10:10 a. m., whisky was quiet at 15.

Last night the Hussard, of the French fleet, weighed anchor at New York and bade her sister ships farewell.

The only remaining French vessel, the Arethuse, will sail to-morrow. The Argentine cruiser Nueve de Julio will sail Wednesday and the Russians are expected to follow later in the week.

At Dayton, O., this morning a man crazed by liquor and jealousy, first killed his wife and then killed himself. The uxoricide and suicide was Charles Weidner, lately a resident at Muncie, Ind. He and his wife separated last January. Since then she has conducted a house in Dayton. This morning Weidner having come to Dayton, went to her house and after a few angry words, shot her twice, fatally. He then sent a bullet crashing into his own head and died instantly. Weidner was an opium-eater.

The Infanta Eulalie.

As stated in the GAZETTE of that day, Princess Eulalie and suite called on the President at the White House on Saturday. It was generally believed that the President would return the call, but, following the precedent set during his former administration in connection with Queen Kapiolani's visit, Mrs. Cleveland did the official honors for him, arriving at 3 o'clock and spending five minutes at the Arlington. Mrs. Cleveland was accompanied by Colonel John M. Wilson, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Bissell, Miss Herbert and Mrs. Smith.

Following the party came a long list of callers, including the prominent members of the Diplomatic Corps. Later the Princess and Princess and attendants drove out to Arlington. After the drive the party spent the evening in their own apartments. The Princess expressed herself as delighted with her enthusiastic reception in Washington. She declares that her one wish is to be treated in the American way, and not to cause any embarrassment to her entertainers by a desire on their part to act in conformity with every little detail of etiquette that her rank might seem to demand.

Yesterday morning the Princess and her suite attended High Mass at St. Matthew's church. To-day and Wednesday will be devoted to sight-seeing, the Infanta and suite visiting all the government buildings and other places of interest.

To-night she will dine with Mrs. Curry, the wife of the former minister to Spain, and an old acquaintance of the Infanta. After dinner there will be a reception. The Infanta fully appreciates President Cleveland's efforts to save her from the swell mob. She has had a big book placed in the corridor of her suite of apartments, and has coolly given public notice that those persons who wish to pay their respects can write their names in the book, and that will be graciously considered a visit. She will accept no "receptions" and the like.

To-morrow morning the members of the Diplomatic Corps will accompany the royal party to Mount Vernon on a steamer, the corps being formally received by her on board the boat.

THE SOUTHERN ASSEMBLY.—In the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church at Macon, Ga., on Saturday, the report of the ad interim committee on the change of the hymn book and recommending to the convention a book of "Hymns of the Ages" adopted and arranged by Robert Kerr, of Richmond, Va., and compiled for the Southern Presbyterian Church, was taken up. A strong opposition was made by several leading members, both among the ministers and laity, to the adoption of the book, the main grounds being that the church had made a great cry for a new hymn book, and the assembly was acting too hastily. A resolution, introduced by Dr. A. H. McCurdy, was finally adopted ordering the "Hymns of Ages" and directing the publication committee to make arrangements to have it printed at once. Reports on the Home Mission and some other business having been disposed of, the assembly adjourned until to-day.

EXECUTIVE NOTICE.

Having duly qualified before the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, as executor of the last will and testament of ANN R. WASHINGTON, deceased, I hereby notify all persons having claims against her estate to present them to me for settlement, properly authenticated. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make payment to me.

R. C. SMITH, Executor. Address 1411 Bolton street, Baltimore, Md. my20 w4w

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The engagement of \$1,000,000 gold for shipment to Europe by the Spree helped to unsettle matters at the Stock Exchange after the opening. Toward 11 o'clock, however, the market began to strengthen and prices moved up along the line. At 11 a. m. the market was firm in tone.

BALTIMORE, May 22.—Virginia consols—do 10-40s—; do 3s 60s.

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Flour, fine.....	\$1 75 a 2 00
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